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The Bureau of  
Catholic Indian Missions,  
SUN BUILDING, 1315 F ST., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

October 30, 1888.

Hon. John H. Oberly,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.  
Sir:

I have the honor to state that it was, and is, the intention of this Bureau in establishing St. Joseph's Normal School, Rensselaer, Ind., to place in it Indian boys who had received the benefit of tuition at the Reservation Schools and who evinced a desire for a higher order of education than could be obtained at such schools, and to fit such of them as showed an aptitude therefor to become teachers among their people and skilled mechanics.

It was found impossible to obtain fifty boys (the number for which this Bureau's contract provides may be educated at this school) of this character between the ages of six and eighteen years at the different Agencies visited by myself and the Bureau's agents for the purpose of collecting pupils, and therefore it became necessary, in order to fill the complement of the school, to take a number of boys who were over the maximum age named. This was done and the boys placed in the school without first consulting your Office, because of

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lack of time in which to do so, and for the reason that I felt confident that upon a presentation of the reasons which moved me to this action, you would permit this Bureau to retain these boys in the school.

This you may do, by virtue of Section 2, Article 1, of the contract, which provides "that, except by special permission of the Indian Bureau, no pupils can be received into said school who are under six or over "Eighteen years of age."

The names and ages of the pupils above referred to are as follows:-

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| * Charles Chickerey, | 18 years of age |
| Louis Marion,        | 18 "            |
| Ignatius Courts,     | 21 "            |
| Augustine Green,     | 18 "            |
| Felix,               | 19 "            |
| Alfred Warren,       | 20 "            |
| Archie McArthur,     | 18 "            |
| Eusebe Bellefeuille, | 19 "            |
| Ben. Caswell,        | 20 "            |
| Chas. Morrison,      | 20 "            |

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Chas. Fairbanks,

20 years of age.

Chas. Afraid of Howling.

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\* I would respectfully ask that you will, under the discretion lodged in you by the provision of the contract above quoted, grant "special permission" for the support and education by <sup>this</sup> Bureau of the boys named at St. Josephs Normal <sup>School</sup>, Kusselaer, Ind., under the contract dated June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,  
J. A. Stephan.  
Director.

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Bureau Cath. Mission.

Oct. 30. 1888,

Ask special permission  
to support <sup>& educate</sup> the within  
named pupils at St.  
Joseph's Manual School  
Ind. under contract  
of June 30. 1888.

To Be paid Ind. Miss Nov. 1. 88

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The names and ages of the pupils above referred to are as follows:-

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Charles Chickering,  | 18 years of age |
| Louis Martin,        | 18              |
| Ignatius Courts,     | 21              |
| Augustine Green,     | 18              |
| Felix,               | 19              |
| Alfred Hanna,        | 20              |
| Archie McArthur,     | 18              |
| Eusebe Bellefeuille, | 19              |
| Ben. Caswell,        | 20              |
| Chas. Morrison,      | 20              |

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discretion lodged in you by the provision of the contract  
above quoted, grant 'special permission' for the support  
and education by this Bureau of the boys named at  
St. Joseph Normal <sup>School</sup>, Russell, Ind., under the contract  
dated June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,  
J. A. Stephens.  
Director.